

a substitute made in order as original text be considered as read; and after general debate the bill be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule for a period not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 1998. **Page H1623**

Late Reports: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 27, 1998 to file two privileged reports on bills making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998 and making Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998. **Page H1609**

Authority to Add Cosponsors: Agreed that Representative Capps be authorized to sign and submit requests to add co-sponsors to H.R. 2009, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Research, Treatment, and Assistance Act of 1997. **Page H1623**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1553.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1644–47.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1578–79, H1579–80, H1580–81, H1588, H1608–09, H1622, and H1622–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDER REFORM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the USDA's Federal Milk Marketing Order Reform. Testimony was heard from Enrique E. Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Ben Brancel, Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on State and Local Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Joe Brann, Director, Cops Program; Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; and Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Appalachian Regional Commission. Testimony was heard from Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission; and Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Resources held a joint oversight hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the USDA: Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy Conservation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Elementary and Secondary Education; Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs, Howard University and on Special Institutions for the Disabled. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education; Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Delia Pompa, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACCESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1151, Credit Union Membership Access Act.

SUPERFUND REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 3000, the Superfund Reform Act. Testimony was heard from James E. Trobaugh, Mayor, Kokomo, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on New Developments in Medical Research: NIH and Patient Groups. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tauzin, Johnson of Connecticut, Fox, Meek of Florida, DeFazio, Porter and Walsh; Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; former Representative Raymond J. McGrath of New York; Muhammad Ali, National Spokesman, National Parkinson Foundation; and public witnesses.

TEAMSTERS—FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Financial Affairs of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Putting the Dress Rehearsals in Perspective. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce: James F. Holmes, Acting Director, John H. Thompson, Associate Director, Decennial Census; and Paula J. Schneider, Principal Associate Director, Programs.

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE—EMPLOYEE BENEFIT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Long Term Care Insurance as an Employee Benefit. Testimony was heard from William Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; Bob Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Long Term Care and Disability Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the following: the Statistical Consolidation Act of 1998; and

S. 1404, Federal Statistical System Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a oversight hearing on the 1998 National Drug Control Strategy. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

COLOMBIA—ILLICIT DRUGS TRAFFICKING

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.Res. 398, urging the President to expeditiously procure and provide three UH-60L Blackhawk utility helicopters to the Colombian National Police solely for the purpose of assisting the Colombian National Police to perform their responsibilities to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs in Colombia and the trafficking of such illicit drugs, including the trafficking of drugs such as heroin and cocaine to the United States.

U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS—RUSSIA, UKRAINE AND NEW INDEPENDENT STATES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing to review U.S. Assistance Programs to Russia, the Ukraine and the New Independent States. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard Morningstar, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Assistance to the New Independent States and Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the New Independent States, Department of State; and Don Pressley, Acting Assistant Administrator, Europe and the New Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

OVERSIGHT—RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—FEDERAL PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded oversight hearings on the Need for Federal Protection of Religious Freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*, II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on privacy in electronic communications. Testimony was heard from Ambassador David Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; David Medine, Associate Director, Credit

Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 2925, Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act of 1997; and the Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act; and H.R. 2070, Correction Officers Health and Safety Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Chabot; Wesley S. Windle, Program Officer, Passenger Operations Division, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Concluded hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Walker, Acting Secretary, Army; John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary, Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2538, to establish a Presidential commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty; H.R. 2776, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property known as the Warren property; and H.R. 3047, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, by 16 acres. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frelinghuysen, Bonilla and Redmond; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SONNY BONO MEMORIAL SALTON SEA RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 3007, Commission on the Ad-

vancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act; and H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997.

URBAN EDUCATION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on urban education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAIL SAFETY REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Rail Safety Reauthorization: Federal Railroad Administration Resources Requirements. Testimony was heard from Jolene Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY ACT; DISASTER ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL COST

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3035, National Drought Policy Act of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Federal Cost of Disaster Assistance. Testimony was heard from James L. Witt, Director, FEMA; Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; Albert R. Capellini, Mayor, Deerfield Beach, State of Florida; Gavin J. Donohue, Senior Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York; and public witnesses.

VA BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCES AND RESULTS ACT PRINCIPLES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on Government Performances and Results Act (GPRA) principles at the Veterans Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Associate Director, Veterans Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997.

ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Analysis and Production Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HEAD START

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources' Subcommittee on Children and Families held joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families on proposed legislation authorizing funds through fiscal year 2002 for the Head Start program, focusing on Head Start's impact on children and their families, receiving testimony from Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Children and Families; Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Robert G. St. Pierre, Abt Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Sarah M. Greene, National Head Start Association, and Stanley I. Greenspan, George Washington University Medical School, both of Washington, D.C.; E.D. Hirsch, Jr., University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Elizabeth Kares, School District of Lee County, Ft. Meyers, Florida; and Jean Malachi, Stamford, Connecticut.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, April 23.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and National Institute of General Medical Services, 10 a.m., and on Office of AIDS Research; Office of the Director-NIH; Building and Facilities; and GAO—Department of Education Oversight, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on the Role of Mortgage Brokers in the Mortgage Finance System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing to review pending OSHA legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to hold a hearing on H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.